

of the cantilever arm for months past. Yesterday it went as far as it would go.

Out at the end of some cables that looked like spider web filaments, which depended from the screw arm of the traveler hanging from the bottom chord. One or two more like it are to make the bridge's skeleton complete. Two men, Arthur Kibbin and Peter Olsen, sat on the moving piece of steel with their hammers in their hands, away out over the edge of nothing, away and twisting with the tugging of the guiding ropes. This bottom chord was exactly 38 feet 2 1/2 inches in length, 1 foot 4 1/2 inches in breadth and 1 foot 1/2 inch thick. It weighed 29 1/2 tons.

The traveler slowed up as it neared the chain. So slow did it go that it did not seem to move while the sixty workmen under the direction of Foreman George W. Bowers tugged and eased away on the guiding ropes according to the hoarse orders that were shouted over the voice of the gale. Almost imperceptibly the two ends of the giant chord slipped into their sockets. Then Knorr stepped over the side of the chord at the Long Island end and drove the staying bolts.

The wind by this time had reached the velocity of a gale and the steel whipped about the faces of the workmen as they hammered down the top bolts on the eastern end of the big girder. Little Tim and the waiting company stamped their feet and dripped from every projecting angle of clothing.

On the Manhattan end of the chord they slipped a big wooden plug, fashioned like a mammoth rolling pin, into the looking holes simply to keep that end in place. Then workmen lifted sections of the wooden bridge and reeling out over the bottom chord and laid them into a continuous sidewalk. When all was ready some uncoupled the grappling chains from the steel girder and the traveler lifted them out of the way.

President Felton gave the signal to Little Tim and he went out on the bridge and posed gracefully for the camera men. Then at a signal from one of the engineers in charge a workman who had been gripping a ballyard gave a tug on the big lug and the unfurled out over the bridge space. Little Tim walked to the middle of the chord and broke a little of wire on the steel frame with a dramatic gesture.

Immediately several whistles, coupled to the big eight inch compressed air pipe that ran along the length of the bridge, began to give raucous notes and every tiny steam engine with earshot down on the river below opened its whistle valve to the limit. The workmen gathered at both ends of the colossal arm cheered and sang. A little Tim set foot on the Long Island side of the structure. Foreman Bowers was there to grasp his hand with enthusiasm. All the party passed over the narrow footpath and down to the end of the bridge in Long Island City, thence back by tug to the office of the construction company at the foot of East Fifty-ninth street, where the engineers and other things waited.

After the celebration yesterday some of the engineers handed out data about the bridge with all the details of the construction. The length of the bridge proper is 1,724 feet. The river span of Blackwell's island is 1,125 feet long and the connecting spans east of the island is 584 feet in length. With approaches the total length is 7,421 feet. One hundred and thirty-five feet is the clear height above high water in the middle of the spans. About 50,000 tons of steel was used in its construction.

The bridge will be double decked when completed. On the upper deck there will be four elevated tracks and two promenade tracks. The lower deck will contain two outside trolley tracks, one inside trolley track and a roadway for vehicles. At present only two elevated tracks will be laid on the upper deck, but two more may be carried at any time.

The contract for the superstructure of the bridge was let to the Pennsylvania Steel Company in September, 1901. The masonry work was completed in June, 1901, and the structural work began in September of the same year. It will be opened for use in October.

"Queensboro Bridge" is the way residents of the borough across the river nicknamed the structure. Civic and political organizations, residents and business men in that borough have resolved to drop the appellation of Blackwell's island Bridge. It is argued by the people of Queens that Blackwell's island Bridge is not significant of anything but the penal and corrective institutions of the city, while the Queensboro Bridge means the joy and pleasure of Manhattan with the borough largest in area in Greater New York.

Steps are to be taken to have the bridge recognized officially by the Greater New York authorities. The Queensboro Bridge and all civic and political bodies are to pledge their members to use the name Queensboro Bridge in their everyday business transactions and conversation.

#### WHISTON BAIL REDUCED.

W. H. Stutshur, Her Original Bondsman, Has Judgment Filed Against Him.

Flora Whiston, whose reversal of testimony secured the acquittal of Raymond Hitchcock, was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the Tombs police court, charged with perjury. Ex-Judge Whitman, her counsel, asked that her bail be reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,000. He stated that he was willing to allow District Attorney Jerome to examine her at any time, and that she would be produced whenever Mr. Jerome wished to see her. He objected to any one else examining her.

Assistant District Attorney Miner and Warren McConihe, a lawyer of 42 Broadway, later inspected the bail bond for \$5,000 given by W. H. Stutshur of 151 East 10th street by which the Whiston girl first secured her freedom. In this bond Mr. Stutshur swore that he owned property valued at \$150,000. McConihe yesterday filed a transcript of the bond with the Saratoga county against Mr. Stutshur for \$10,388 in favor of Phoebe Warren McConihe for deficiency. Execution was issued to Deputy Sheriff O'Neill. The judgment was obtained on June 24, 1901.

**5 DAYS FOR HUSBAND BEATING.**  
Fla. Mrs. Schenck's You're 35 and Henry Is Twice as Old.

Mrs. Barbara Schenck, wife of Henry Schenck of Tompkinsville, who is 70 years old, twice her age, in the Richmond Court of Special Sessions yesterday was sentenced to five days in the Richmond county jail for beating her husband in the corridor of the old village hall in Stapleton on January 28. They were married two years ago, but lived together only a few months. On the day the assault was committed Schenck had his wife and her mother in court on a summons requiring them to show cause why they should not pay him money to be claimed to have loaned them. Judge Staker reserved decision. The party left the courtroom in the corridor Mrs. Schenck punched and slapped her husband.

After sentence by Judge Fleming yesterday she attempted to resist the beating, but was restrained by court officers. Her husband fled from the court room. She announced that when she is released she will give him a more severe beating than before.

#### CIVIL SERVICE BILL FAILS.

New Jersey Senate Declines to Concur in the Amendments.

TRENTON, March 18.—The State Senate, as was anticipated, declined to concur in the amendments to the Ackerman civil service bill, which was passed by the lower house provided for an elective commission. The Senate appointed a conference committee—Senators Ackerman, Frelinghuysen and Gebhardt—to meet with a similar committee from the House with a view of agreeing upon a bill which will meet the approval of both bodies. The date of civil service this year will depend largely upon the work of these committees.

#### Two More for Taft in Kansas.

TOPKA, Kan., March 18.—The Republicans of the Fifth Congress district at Topeka today elected the two delegates elected for Taft for President.

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## FLEET IS TO CRUISE A YEAR

SAILING DATE, DEC. 16, TO BE DATE OF HOMECOMING TOO.

Some Naval Officers Say the Programme Is Impossible Unless Australia Is Left Out—Target Practice in Bad Weather—Admiral Evans Feels Much Better.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—It is the desire of the Administration to have the Atlantic fleet arrive at some port on the Atlantic coast of the United States exactly a year to a day from the time it sailed from Hampton Roads on its voyage around the Western hemisphere and around the world. The fleet sailed on December 16, 1901, and the Administration will be very happy if the fleet's itinerary can be so arranged as to have it steam into New York Bay or Hampton Roads on December 16, 1902, after its great voyage of 35,000 miles.

Naval officers who have been figuring on the one year cruise said to-day that if Australia were eliminated from the schedule the homecoming could be accomplished within the year, but it was out of the question to make the Australian visit and get back to the Atlantic seaboard of this country in less than thirteen months. The higher authorities said that if necessary to assure the completion of the cruise within a year the target practice which would detain the fleet in the Philippines could be postponed until the United States was reached.

If the "year to a day" schedule is adopted it will not be necessary to detach Rear Admiral Emory from command of the second squadron, to which he will succeed when Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry takes command on July 8. Rear Admiral Emory will reach the retirement age on December 17, 1902, so that he would have the satisfaction of seeing the voyage completed with the rounding out of his active service.

The fleet is expected to reach Manila in the latter part of September. In October Capt. William P. Porter of the battleship Vermont, one of the vessels with the fleet, will be promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral. Should Admiral Emory retain his command for the remainder of the cruise it would be necessary to detach Capt. Porter from the Vermont. Should Admiral Emory leave the fleet at Manila, Capt. Porter would be a Rear Admiral by the time he would be assigned to command the fourth division of battleships.

SAN DIEGO, March 18.—A wireless despatch from the correspondent of THE SUN on board the battleship Louisiana states that the Maine, Alabama and Virginia of Rear Admiral Evans's fleet are finishing their target practice in Magdalena Bay. The Maine and Alabama owing to the rough weather prevailing are both using the same range. It is probable that the fleet will not leave Magdalena Bay for San Francisco before April 10.

The health of Admiral Evans has so far improved that he was able to leave his cabin and go on the quarterdeck yesterday. All is well on board the various ships of the fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—In certain quarters considerable comment has been excited by the prominence given to boxing by the fleet reception committee as a means of entertainment for the visiting sailors. This sport will be the feature on no less than four days out of the nine already provided for.

Jackies are supposed to be fond of vigorous athletics and the members of the committee, recognizing this, have provided ring contests in lieu of the bull fights with which they were regaled in South American ports. Disputed questions of fleet championship, it is expected, will be decided before the warships leave this port. Indoor quarters with roped and padded arenas are now being prepared.

Other athletic sports will also be arranged and suitable trophies will be given. The events will include running, jumping, wrestling, swimming, football and baseball games, rowing and so on. The contests may be opened to all Pacific Coast amateurs.

#### THE ARMOR PLATE DISPUTE.

Secretary Metcalf to Make a Personal Investigation at San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf will have an investigation of the battleships made by Rear Admiral Evans at Magdalena Bay within the next few weeks for the purpose of determining the relative positions of the armor belt and the waterline.

This data is being gathered for his own information, and it will not be submitted to the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, which is investigating the armor belt controversy, unless Chairman Hale asks for it. Secretary Metcalf will make a personal examination of the ships during the grand naval review in San Francisco Bay on May 8 for the purpose of obtaining this information on his own account.

#### More Australian Invitations.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MELBOURNE, March 18.—The Governments of South Australia and West Australia have telegraphed to Prime Minister Deakin asking him to arrange for a visit of the American battleship fleet to Adelaide and Perth.

#### FIGHT ON FOR ARKANSAS.

Hughes, Taft and Fairbanks in the Field for the State's Delegation.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 18.—Powell Clayton, Republican national committeeman and the undisputed leader of the party in Arkansas, arrived today to attend the State central committee meeting Friday.

Clayton spent all of the day conferring with party workers relative to the strength of the various Presidential candidates.

Attorney Phillips of Sedalia, Mo., is also here interviewing negro Republicans in the interest of Gov. Hughes of New York, and a telegram was received from Indianapolis to-day saying that a well known newspaper man of that city would reach Little Rock tomorrow in the interest of Fairbanks.

Judging from expressions heard in the hotel lobby to-night it is probable that the leaders of the State organization to elect the State delegation to the National Convention are in a state of indecision as to whether they will support Hughes or Fairbanks.

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#### Cannons Get Two More Votes.

LITCHFIELD, Ill., March 18.—The Twenty-first Congress district Republican convention to-day chose William Harrett Ridgely and Frank R. Smith as delegates to the Chicago convention and instructed them for Cannon.

#### PILES CURED IN 10 TO 14 DAYS.

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## GROVER CLEVELAND'S VIEW

Of the Bryan Brand of Democracy as Exposed in Nebraska Platform.

HARTFORD, March 18.—The Hartford Times to-day publishes the following from ex-President Cleveland:

"I have received your letter of the 10th inst., asking for an expression of my views in regard to the Nebraska Democratic platform and the general type of proposals to which it seeks to affix the Democratic label.

"You doubtless know, as well as all my fellow countrymen, that I am a believer at all times in the old Democratic creed, which he who runs may read, and which it was never more necessary than now to impress upon the attention of the American people. "Our people need rest, after a period of terrific hysteria; they need peace after intense excitement and apprehension; and they need conservatism, after the disturbing fever of radicalism.

"These things true Democracy in its integrity and purity should offer to them, and nothing except these things; and the advocacy of Democratic policies which lead away from their establishment deserves to have affixed to it the Democratic label.

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## FEAR TO LOSE NEGRO VOTES.

Roosevelt Men Will Let a Mild Brownsville Resolution Through.

Chairman Parsons of the Republican county committee will permit at the monthly meeting of that body to-night the passage of a modified form of the resolution which has been tabled for several months calling upon Congress to restore the negro battalion of the United States Infantry which was disbanded by order of President Roosevelt after the Brownsville happening. Gilchrist Stewart, a member of the county committee, and a leader of the negro Republicans of this city, has sought at every meeting of the organization for several months past to have the resolution adopted, but each time he has brought the matter up the members of the committee, obeying the lead of Mr. Parsons, have refused to act upon it.

The result is that Stewart has been organizing the colored vote of this city for Gov. Hughes and the movement, according to reports, will have been brought to the county committee headquarters, has grown to such proportions that Chairman Parsons has decided to temporize with Stewart and his followers.

Stewart, originally presented to the county committee appealing to Congress to order the reenlistment of the colored soldiers without loss of pay or pay will be accepted by Mr. Parsons, but he will agree to the passage of a resolution putting the committee on record as favoring the replacing of the men in the regiment who can prove that they took no active part in the shooting affray at Brownsville.

It is doubtful if this compromise resolution will suit Stewart, who, knowing that he will have with him the support of the colored members of the county committee, of their desire to lose no opportunity to lessen the control of the county organization now held by Mr. Parsons, will raise another fight at the meeting of the committee to-night by insisting on the passage of the original resolution.

## CONNERS TO HOLD HIS POST.

Delegates Won't Be Instructed If He Can Help It.

Chairman Connors of the Democratic State committee talked yesterday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria with Charles F. Murphy of Tammany and with a bunch of State committeemen concerning the preliminaries of the meeting of the State committee to be held at the Victoria Hotel to-day. Many of the up-State committeemen believe that the convention, which will be held about April 16, will sit in Syracuse, but the majority sentiment last night seemed to favor New York City.

Chairman Connors thinks the Democratic sentiment of the State is for Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, and yet he and others believe that an effort will be made either at the meeting of the committee to-day or in the State convention to instruct the delegates to the national convention for Bryan. Connors has been for many months a delegate of the State to go to Denver unopposed. Mr. Connors and others have heard that Augustus Thomas and one or two other Bryan men may attempt to smash the program. As a matter of fact, some of the Bryan men have told Mr. Connors that if a majority report is presented to the convention advising that the delegates be instructed to support a minority report in favor of Bryan will be submitted by Mr. Thomas or some other delegate. Not that the Bryan men hope to win in the organization, but they merely desire, they say, to make a record.

All talk of displacing Chairman Connors for Assemblyman George M. Palmer or any other Democrat has ceased. Mr. Connors is to remain chairman.

## WADSWORTH MEN FOR HUGHES.

Indorse Him at a Meeting From Which the Porter Men Were Ejected.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., March 18.—Fifty of the leading Wadsworth Republicans of the city gathered in the Opera House last night and adopted resolutions indorsing Hughes for the Presidency and pledging support to delegates named for him. The resolutions were moved by former Chairman of the County Committee William H. Vincy, who was ousted by the anti-Wadsworth forces. Allies of the Porter faction were ejected from the meeting, and to-day they loudly proclaimed that the action was a snap game on the part of the Wadsworth wing, which has been supporting Taft. The Wadsworth men saw a chance to eliminate national issues from the spring primary fight on March 24 throughout the Thirty-fourth Congress district and confine the fight to local matters on which they believe they can put the Porter force to rout.

The Lockport Journal, the leading Porter organ of the district, branded the action of the Wadsworth men as traitorous to the Republican party and an attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the voters. The Porter men claim that the Wadsworth men are bitter enemies of Hughes, despite last night's resolutions.

## ANTI-TAFT MEN WIN.

Opposition Succeeds in Naming Chairman for New Hampshire Convention.

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## CALLED HIM TO SEE HER DEAD

HELEN DEANER SHOT HERSELF IN A TELEPHONE BOOTH.

First Letting a Clerk in a Drug Store in Building Where She Lived Know What She Was Intending—A Dressmaker, Nervous and Once Unhappily Married.

Helen Deaner, who lived with her mother, Mrs. Martha Deaner, at 519 Halsey street, Brooklyn, killed herself yesterday afternoon in a telephone booth in the drug store of Edward J. Woelfle at 197 Reid avenue. She shot herself in the right temple with a new revolver.

She was in the booth for fifteen minutes and Harry W. Johnson, a prescription clerk, saw several persons in the place heard her calling for a number. By the time her conversation was ended all the other persons had left the store.

Johnson was alone when he heard a pistol shot in the telephone booth. As he opened the door the woman's body fell out. The revolver was still in her hand.

Johnson called a policeman and an ambulance, but before either got there J. E. Burbridge, a clerk in the drug store of Sydney Smith at Reid avenue and Halsey street, in the house where the Deaners live, rushed into Woelfle's place. He said that Miss Deaner had telephoned to him a few minutes before asking him to hurry to Woelfle's to identify her body, as she was going to kill herself.

Burbridge, who is about 20 years old and had known Miss Deaner and her mother and brother for a long time, said that when Miss Deaner had telephoned to him she had first asked for Mr. Smith, but the latter was not in.

In a small chain bag carried by Miss Deaner was found a note for Mrs. Deaner. It read:

DEAR MOTHER: Forgive me for what I am doing. I fear I am losing my reason. I have been so long sick that I cannot go any further. I will be at rest. I have been nothing but trouble and bother to you. Thanks for all the good you have done for me. Who knows but in some other world there may be rest for me. I cannot overlook this second disappointment. Your HELEN.

In the telephone booth was a line: "Sorry not to see you to-day, but I am evidently intended for the drugist."

The police learned that Miss Deaner had been under the care of Dr. John A. Quill of 478 Decatur street for nervousness and headache. The police learned, also, that at one time Miss Deaner had been married, but after a short time had separated from her husband, resuming her maiden name, Miss Deaner's brother August said she had never been married but refused to tell any more about it.

Miss Deaner was a dressmaker and 30 years old. She was prosperous in her business.

## DENIAL FROM WM. L. WARD

And Renewal of Reports That Woodruff Is Not to Keep His Job.

Concerning the statement printed in a Westchester county newspaper that William L. Ward did not desire reelection as Republican national committeeman for the State, Mr. Ward sent yesterday to Luther B. Little, treasurer of the Republican State committee, this letter to be used as a statement coming from Mr. Ward.

"It is not a fact that I have told any one that I was not a candidate to succeed myself. That statement was possibly prompted by a letter sent to a friend who apparently misconstrued it. As a result of the publicity I have received several letters of inquiry. I have not asked any one to use his influence to elect me as a national committeeman. If the delegates to the Chicago convention want me to serve that fact will develop, and until the delegates are chosen it is not necessary for me to say whether I am a candidate for reelection or not."

The feeling continues to grow in Republican State circles that Chairman Woodruff will not succeed himself again at the convention of April 11, when a new State committee is to be elected. The election of a chairman will be postponed until after the national convention in August. It is reported last night from well informed sources that Representative George R. Malby of Ogdensburg may succeed Mr. Woodruff. This was first heard as the result of the meeting of the State committee and it has gathered force within the last few days by the reports of Republicans from the White House.

## BARNES AT THE WHITE HOUSE

About the Same Time It Is Rumored That Woodruff Must Go.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Although a denial was given at the White House to-day to the reports from Albany that President Roosevelt had summoned several New York Republican leaders to Washington to consider ways and means of obtaining a new chairman of the Republican State committee in place of Timothy L. Woodruff, it was regarded as significant that William Barnes, Jr., of Albany should drop into town this morning and that he should tell the President's guest at luncheon this afternoon. Mr. Barnes was one of the men mentioned as having been seen by Mr. Roosevelt. His name has also been prominent in the gossip as to Mr. Woodruff's successor.

That the Administration has been aware of a desire on the part of New York Republican politicians to have Mr. Woodruff step down and out is known here and while authentic information on the point is lacking there is a suspicion that he sympathizes with the anti-Woodruff movement. The President has talked over the matter with New Yorkers some of whom told him that it would be wise to have a State chairman who was not identified with any party faction in the State.

The President and Mr. Woodruff have been so friendly recently, however, that there is a disposition to believe that Mr. Roosevelt will look about him a bit before committing himself definitely to any proposition having for its object the removal of Mr. Woodruff from the head of the State committee.

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